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I offered to major US steel producers Burmese manganese with a European outturn analysis of this hard lumpy ore:

Mn	57.55%
Fe	2.30%
SiO ₂	0.8%
P	0.046%
Al ₂ O ₃	1.73%
Cu	0.023%
Pb	0.05%
Zn	trace
As	0.017%

The mine [location unknown] guarantees a minimum of 52% manganese and a maximum of three percent Fe, three percent SiO₂ and 0.1% P.

3. Our thoughts were that we would cement a firm offer in the beginning for about three thousand tons for shipment between September 1953 and January 1954. However, in view of the political conditions in Burma and the fact that the mining area is prone to bandit interference, we expect to make the sales contracts subject to safe arrival at the port. To date, the sales made by our affiliates in Europe have been fulfilled to the full satisfaction of the consuming works. It is my understanding that this ore has been going to Norway and Germany (FR).

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3. Our idea of price was US\$1.375 per long dry unit manganese FOB Baltimore basis 57% manganese, three percent Fe. The steel producers were very much interested in this offer.

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